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Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	Program Offer Stage:	As Proposed
Related Programs:			
Program Characteristics:			

Executive Summary

Felony Trial Unit C/Gangs prosecutes a variety of very serious and mid-level felony crimes including: homicides, robberies, weapons offenses, gang crimes, vehicular homicides and assaults, arson, residential burglaries and felony animal abuse. These crimes are predominantly person crimes, and many of the violent cases handled by this unit have long-lasting effects on the victimized community members. Last year this unit reviewed 970 cases.

Program Summary

This 11.5 FTE program (8.5 DDAs 3 support staff) works closely with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to prosecute serious person and property crimes, including those cases involving homicides, vehicular assaults and homicides, crimes involving gangs, weapons possession by felons, arson, animal abuse, all degrees of robberies, and residential burglaries. Unit C/Gangs works cooperatively with state and local law enforcement agencies and community partners to target and reduce the instances of gang related crime through aggressive enforcement and prosecution. In the continuum of prosecution services, this unit prosecutes mostly high risk and some medium level offenders, and many cases handled in Unit C/Gangs have high visibility in the community. The program also works cooperatively with the Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Gresham Police Bureau, and other local law enforcement agencies in the County to promote better case investigation and development by consulting with and training officers in the complex legal issues these cases present. Members of the unit are available to officers with questions 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Additionally, the unit works with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the US Attorney's Office to reduce by vigorous prosecution the illegal use, possession and transfer of firearms. Hundreds of these weapons cases are handled annually, resulting in both state and federal prosecutions. A key goal to the Unit C/Gangs program is to make sure that offenders are held accountable for their criminal behavior and that the rights of victims are protected. The program seeks to hold offenders accountable for committing serious person and property crimes, and seeks to engage other community partners in reducing gang related violence and illegal activities in the schools and neighborhoods.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Cases Issued	751	800	740	740
Outcome	Cases Resolved	687	700	665	657

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 8.660 Attending court and prosecuting offenses. (1) The district attorney shall attend the terms of all courts having jurisdiction of public offenses within the district attorney's county, and, except as otherwise provided in this section, conduct, on behalf of the state, all prosecutions for such offenses therein. ORS 8.665 Prosecuting violations: Upon the issuance of a citation by any person authorized to issue citations for violations, a district attorney shall prosecute the case if it appears that a violation has occurred. ORS 8.670 Proceedings before magistrates and grand jury. The district attorney shall institute proceedings before magistrates for the arrest of persons charged with or reasonably suspected of public offenses, when the district attorney has information that any such offense has been committed, and attend upon and advise the grand jury when required.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$1,861,208	\$0	\$1,712,535	\$0
Contractual Services	\$26,900	\$0	\$42,100	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$16,850	\$0	\$14,600	\$0
Internal Services	\$15,478	\$0	\$61,457	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,920,436	\$0	\$1,830,692	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,920,436		\$1,830,692	
Program FTE	11.50	0.00	11.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 15201A Unit C/Gangs - Robbery, Weapons

Significant changes in this program area include the reduction of 0.50 FTE Deputy District Attorney to meet budgetary constraints.